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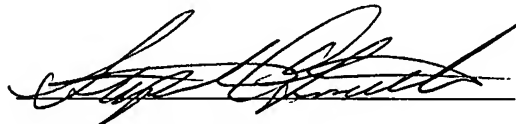
REMARKS

Applicants claim priority to German Patent Application 103 06 318.8 filed in the German Patent Office on February 14, 2003, which is incorporated herein by reference. A copy of the certified application is enclosed with this paper, along with an English translation and a verification statement of the translation.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-20 and entered new claims 21- 72. Applicants have amended the specification by adding a paragraph at the beginning of the application and deleting a paragraph at the bottom of page 1 that continues to the top of page 2. No new matter has been entered as a result of this amendment.

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance and seek an early allowance thereof. If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that a telephone interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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